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Get Involved! AAMVA Is Seeking a Region 4 Jurisdiction Member for the Law Enforcement Standing Committee

AAMVA is seeking a Region 4 jurisdiction member representative for the Law Enforcement Standing Committee. The committee's mission is to inspire collaboration between law enforcement and driver/motor vehicle administrators to improve highway and public safety.

Participating in an AAMVA committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices, and network with peers. We anticipate there may be both virtual meetings and in-person meetings during FY2021. If there are any in-person meetings, keep in mind that AAMVA pays travel expenses for jurisdiction members to attend.

Visit the [Committees and Working Groups](#) page for more information on the Law Enforcement Standing Committee. AAMVA attempts to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups. For this vacancy, only Region 4 applications will be considered.

Requirements, Application & Deadline

- Applicant should be a commissioned law enforcement officer from a Region 4 jurisdiction.
- Each application must be approved by the applicant's supervisor AND the agency's chief administrator.
- [Click here](#) to download the Standing Committee Application Form
- Applications Deadline: **December 18, 2020**

If you have questions, please contact committees@aamva.org or 703.522.4200.

FEATURED NEWS

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

[Click here](#) to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Below are a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.



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OUR WEBINARS

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7 | [CIO Roundtable Webinar Series: Implementation of Cloud Technology and AAMVANet Modernization Update](#)

8 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

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COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [FMCSA Expands HOS Waiver to Include COVID-19 Vaccine Transport](#)
- [Truck Drivers Could Be Among Earliest to Get COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Ex-Ford CEO Says Auto Industry Is in 'a Sweet Spot,' Expects Strong 2021 Sales](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Driver's Licenses Will Now Be Mailed Out Amid Transition to Real ID \(New Jersey\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Some Driver's License Services Can Now Take Place Online in Tennessee](#)
- [Deadline Extended for Expired Vehicle Registrations in Texas](#)
- [Towing of Unregistered Vehicles Ordered Despite COVID-19 Waiver \(Texas\)](#)
- [Virginia DMV Offers More Services Online to Alleviate People Waiting for Appointments](#)
- [Here's What You Need to Know if Your Driver's License Has Expired – or About to Expire During the Pandemic \(Virginia\)](#)
- [Staffing Levels Force DMV Office Changes \(West Virginia\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Ohio's Grace Period to Renew an Expired Driver's License or Registration Extended to July 2021](#)
- [Wisconsin DMV's Online Offerings See Boosted Popularity During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Opens Driving Test Reservations, Extends Learner's Permits Again \(California\)](#)
- [DMVs Seeing Long Wait Times for Various Reasons \(Idaho\)](#)
- [MVD Expands Online Services While in-Person Offices Are Shut Down \(New Mexico\)](#)
- [Waitlist for Driver's License Roadtests Is up to 12 Weeks in Saskatoon, Regina: SGI \(Saskatchewan\)](#)
- [Operation Red Nose Cancels Safe Ride Program, Unveils Online 'Take the Reins' Campaign \(Saskatchewan\)](#)

Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on [COVID-19](#), [guidance](#), [press releases](#), [press kits](#), and more.

REGION 1 NEWS

Nauset Students Awarded for Safe-Driving Video (Massachusetts)

The two students collaborated on a class project despite differences in their learning approach...The students entered the video in the Massachusetts Department of Transportation "Safe Streets Smart Trips" video contest. They won second place and a \$300 prize during the department's Moving Together Conference, which was held virtually Nov. 17 through 19. [Read more at capecodtimes.com](#).

Federal Transportation Board Releases Investigation Into

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NH Crash That Killed 7 Motorcyclists (Massachusetts, New Hampshire)

The National Transportation Safety Board on Tuesday delivered a blistering critique of the country's trucking regulator and the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, saying egregious failures within these agencies set the stage for a fiery June 2019 crash that killed seven people in New Hampshire. [Read more at bostonglobe.com.](#)

New York's Green Light Law Survives Appeal

A federal appeals court on Monday upheld the dismissal of a previous challenge to New York's law allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for and receive driver's licenses. The legal challenge is the latest victory for proponents of the 2019 measure known as the Green Light Law. County clerks in New York had challenged its legality, including Erie County Clerk Mickey Kearns. [Read more at spectrumlocalnews.com.](#)

'A False Sense of Security': Automated Vehicle Tech Can Impede Driver Performance, U of T Study Finds (Ontario)

As cars keep getting smarter, automation is taking many tricky tasks – from reversing to parallel parking – out of drivers' hands. Now, a University of Toronto study is underscoring the importance of drivers keeping their eyes on the road – even when they are in an automated vehicle, or AV. [Read more at utoronto.ca.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Command Spotlight: Highway Safety - Annual "Click It or Ticket!" Campaign Stresses Lifesaving Need for Seatbelts (Virginia)

As it does every year at the start of the holiday season, the Virginia law enforcement community is stepping up its efforts to inform motorists about the lifesaving importance of seatbelts and warning that failure to use them will result in a traffic citation. [Read more at fortletraveller.com.](#)

WV Airport Using New Technology to Confirm ID, Flight Info (West Virginia)

The Transportation Security Administration at West Virginia's Yeager Airport is using new technology to confirm identification and flight information, the agency said. The credential authentication technology unit enhances identification of fraudulent driver's licenses, passports and other documents, said John Allen, TSA's federal security director for West Virginia. [Read more at usnews.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

First Round of Winter Weather Prompts Driving Safety Warning from Police (Indiana)

The first touch of winter weather in central Indiana is prompting area police to urge Hoosiers to get into the mindset of winter driving safety this season. The old cliché is that everyone forgets how to drive in snow during the warmer months, until the winter weather returns for a "crash course" reminder. Indiana State Police Sergeant John Perrine says there is an element of truth to

that. [Read more at fox59.com.](#)

Digital License Plates Coming to Michigan in 2021

Today, only two states allow digital license plates: California and Arizona. That's slow progress for Reviver, which formed in 2009 to change how the old, metal-based automotive technology works. But things are about to change, and 2021 is when the company will finally step down hard on the "go ahead, try it out" accelerator. [Read more at caranddriver.com.](#)

DPS Now Scrolling Names as Visual Reminder of Victims Killed in Traffic Crashes (Minnesota)

Naomi Peterson. Troy Eggers. Trisha Maher. They all missed Thanksgiving dinner...Instead, their names slowly scroll across the top of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's (DPS) website along with the names of more than 350 others who have died in traffic crashes this year. It's the latest effort by DPS to reduce roadway fatalities and encourage motorists to obey the speed limit, wear their seat belts and pay attention when driving. [Read more at startribune.com.](#)

Minnesota Asks FMCSA to Reconsider Request for CDL Testing Relief

Minnesota is making another attempt to gain reprieve from certain federal commercial driver license testing requirements, marking the continuation of a four-year effort for exemption. Specifically, the state is seeking reconsideration of its previous application for exemption from certain regulations regarding CDL testing practices. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

Waymo Opening New Autonomous Vehicle Testing Site in Ohio

Waymo plans to open a new testing site in Ohio for its driverless autonomous vehicles that will focus on dense, urban areas, the company said Tuesday. The new site being built at the Transportation Research Center near Columbus will allow the company to work on motion control testing, heavy-duty truck testing and testing in varying weather conditions, the company said. [Read more at detroitnews.com.](#)

Edmunds Central High School Senior Wins SD Department of Highway Safety's Lesson Learned SD Contest (South Dakota)

A senior at Edmunds Central High School has won a \$10,000 prize for promising to be a safe driver...Department of Public Safety Secretary Craig Price says this program is a great way to recognize young people who have pledged to be safe drivers. He says young people who learn to be safe drivers carry those habits through the rest of their lives. Austin's school also benefits. The South Dakota Broadcasters Association contributes another \$10,000 for Austin to designate to school programs or activities of his choice. [Read more at drgnews.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Tough, Swift Penalties for Impaired Drivers (Alberta)

Starting Dec. 1, police will be able to administer stricter impaired driving

penalties on the road, while most first-time impaired driving charges will be handled quicker outside of court through SafeRoads Alberta. Impaired drivers could face larger fines and lose their vehicles for up to 30 days. [Read more at threehillscapital.com](http://threehillscapital.com).

Vanity License Plate Rejected by California DMV Gets Second Chance After Court Ruling

Vanity plates in California may soon start to look a bit more creative. A U.S. District Court ruling has struck down a California DMV standard that allowed the department to reject applications with words or symbols that some might find offensive. [Read more at abc7news.com](http://abc7news.com).

California to Allow Companies to Charge for Rides in Autonomous Cars

California is seen as the central hub for autonomous-vehicle testing. Nearly every company looking into autonomous cars has a fleet of vehicles operating in the state. Up until now, the state has not allowed companies testing driverless vehicles to make any money from their services. [Read more at futurecar.com](http://futurecar.com).

Smartphone and Registration? Colorado State Troopers Will Now Ask for Your Digital Driver's License

Colorado State Patrol troopers began accepting digital driver's licenses as proof of official ID during traffic stops this week after a pilot program that resulted in officers spending less time on the side of the road, which in turn, increased their personal safety. [Read more at coloradosun.com](http://coloradosun.com).

Nevada Roads See Less Fatalities Thanksgiving Weekend

Just ask Nevada drivers about our highways, and they'll tell you what they really think...And it's problems like speeding and driving under influence that Andrew Bennett with the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety says is a major concern, specifically during weekends involving gatherings and alcohol. [Read more at news3lv.com](http://news3lv.com).

National Safe Driving Week: Safe Driving Tips from SGI (Saskatchewan)

It is National Safe Driving Week across Canada, and drivers are being reminded to be prepared before hitting the road and to keep their eyes on the road while driving. Both of these are lessons that have been echoed countless times, however, every month we continue to see distracted drivers getting ticketed. [Read more at discoverweyburn.com](http://discoverweyburn.com).

Wyoming Lawmakers Advance Autonomous Vehicle Legislation

Lawmakers in Wyoming have advanced a bill that would establish a regulatory framework for producers of self-driving cars and other autonomous vehicles to begin testing on roadways across the state. The Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs passed the bill on Tuesday, the Casper Star-Tribune reported Tuesday. [Read more at apnews.com](http://apnews.com).

OTHER NEWS

USDOT Pushes Swift Implementation of First Pedestrian Safety Plan

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) last week released its first Pedestrian Safety Action Plan in an effort to reduce pedestrian fatalities and injuries on America's roads. The plan is overseen by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [Read more at smartcitiesdive.com](https://www.smartcitiesdive.com).

Smart Cruise Control Comes to Motorcycles

A self-driving motorcycle wouldn't make much sense, but the industry is starting to adopt some safety technology from cars. The first car with adaptive cruise control was the 1994 Mitsubishi Diamante. So why has it taken more than 25 years for the feature to appear on motorcycles? [Read more at nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com).

Autox's Robo-Taxi Service in Shenzhen Leaves Out the Human Driver

Self-driving car startup AutoX today announced that a portion of its robo-taxi fleet in Shenzhen, China is ferrying customers without teleoperators or safety drivers behind the wheel. The company claims it's the first set of fully driverless cars to be deployed in China and perhaps only the second in operation following the launch of Waymo's fully driverless program in Phoenix, Arizona last year. [Read more at venturebeat.com](https://www.venturebeat.com).

Alliance for Automotive Innovation Releases AV Deployment Guidance

The "[Policy Roadmap to Advance Automated Vehicle Innovation: A four-year plan to revolutionize transportation](#)" contains 14 specific recommendations addressing reforming regulations to allow for AV deployment at scale; harmonizing federal, state, and international policies; and establishing the foundation to achieve longer-term objectives. [Read more at transportationtodaynews.com](https://www.transportationtodaynews.com).

U.S. Safety Agency Seeks Input on Autonomous Vehicle Rules

The U.S. government's road safety agency is asking for public comment on how it should regulate safe deployment of self-driving vehicles...NHTSA said Nov. 19 that it wants public input on a proposed regulation of autonomous vehicle sensors, how the vehicles detect other road users and infrastructure, how they plan routes and how they carry out that plan. [Read more at agrinenews-pubs.com](https://www.agrinenews-pubs.com).

New Project Studies Impacts of Long-Haul Driving on Pregnant Women

A University of Colorado graduate student is working with the Women In Trucking Association to create resources for pregnant women in the trucking industry and initiate commercial fleet guidelines regarding maternal health. [Read more at fleetowner.com](https://www.fleetowner.com).

TSA PreCheck Bill May Have Applications for Trucking, ATA Says

A U.S. Senate bill meant to facilitate online and mobile access for

Transportation Security Administration background checks has been endorsed by American Trucking Associations. While the Mobile Enrollment Act is designed to enhance remote enrollment capabilities for TSA's PreCheck program, ATA suggested the measure's provisions could be extended to include other programs. ATA argued that during the pandemic, those TSA programs could include the Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) and the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

TWITTER NEWS

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.

State of Connecticut DMV @CTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Thank you to all that participated in the #CTDMV food drive from the Enfield DMV office. Food supplies were delivered to Enfield Food Shelf, as well as a check for \$350! With the amount we collected, we were able to provide 1,636 meals ❤️



Governor Larry Hogan @GovLarryHogan | [View the Tweet](#)

For far too many Marylanders, the holidays are a painful reminder that a part of their family has been lost because of the selfish actions of a drunk or drugged driver.

Today I joined [@MD_MVA](#) to honor those Marylanders who tragically lost their lives due to impaired driving.



VermontDMV @VTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Buddy the Elf and Vermont DMV escort the official state Christmas Tree.



Georgia DDS (DMV) @GeorgiaDDS | [View the Tweet](#)

This #GivingTuesday DDS is proud to partner with @ClarkHoward & @GADFCs to donate Christmas gifts to children in foster care. #GivingTuesday2020 #GADDSCares #ExceedingExpectations



OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio_BMV | [View the Tweet](#)

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. Last year, OSHP troopers removed more than 20,000 impaired drivers from Ohio's roadways. #DriveSober or Get Pulled Over.



NCDOT @NCDOT | [View the Tweet](#)

From the North Carolina Department of Transportation family to yours, #HappyThanksgiving 🦃!



Tennessee Highway Safety Office @TNHSO | [View the Tweet](#)

Walk Bike Nashville is urging people to be mindful while driving with their "Look for Me" campaign.

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"Slow down" Advocacy group concerned over rise in pedestrian deaths
NASHVILLE (WSMV) - A Nashville advocacy organization is pleading with drivers to slow down, showing 2020 is one of the most dangerous years for pedestrians.
[wsmv.com](#)

VA State Police @VSPPIO | [View the Tweet](#)

In 2019, #VSP troopers arrested 3,551 #DUI/#DUID drivers on #Virginia roads. DUI enforcement & education changes lives. VSP is thankful for #MallorysMovement Against Drunk Driving for sharing w/the 132nd Basic Session her personal story & struggle. #DontDUI #ArriveAlive



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December's Traffic Safety Spotlight is on impaired driving. We asked some friends what they want from Santa.

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